

Wash. Chapter, American Association Masseurs & Masseuses

October issue

Your Editors, Mr. John Marroy and Art Dunbar are pleased to greet you with the October issue of The Masseur. We trust it will find each of you in good health and enjoying the fall season and doing a good business.

This issue will contain articles by Mr. Canaday, our chaplain, and Mr. Bitreim, our President. These articles are reproduced without change or editing. This is the first half of an article by Mr. Bitreim. The remainder will be contained in the next issue.

In the future all mail for this publication is to be sent to Better Health Salon, 5238 University Way, Seattle 5, Wash. I am moving soon and at present do not know my new address.

Art Dunbar

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To The A.M.A. News Readers:

Greeting in Jesus' Name. It is with pleasure I take a brief moment to say "hello" and wish you one and all the best of success, health and happiness, and best of all, the rich blessings of God and His healing power in your hands, as you minister to suffering mankind, endeavoring to restore through nature's way those who come to us for help.

Rom. 12:13 says Distributing to the necessity of Saints. Given to hospitality; along with this remember the Poem, as follows:

GOD'S WAY IS BEST

I know not where my Lord may lead
 'er barren plain or grassy mead;
 Though valley, or on mountain crest
 But where He leads, I know 'tis best.

I know not what a day may bring
 Of perfect health or suffering
 Of rich delight, or deep distress
 Keen disappointment or success.

Or do I know at morning sun
 If life shall last till day is done,
 But this I know - Come toil or rest,
 God always sends me what is best.

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God often sends me joy through pain,
Through bitter loss, Divinest Gain,
Yet through it all, dark days or bright,
I know my Father leads a'right.

And when life's evening shadows fall,
And I shall hear the final call,
I'll lay my head upon His breast
And say "Dear Lord, Thy way is best".

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CONTROVERSY - CONTINUED

In the September issue of Washington Massage News I tried to point out my own limitations. An officer or an active member in any organization is always expected to be more than human and endowed with more than human intelligence. If he or she says nothing and does nothing, they are nice people, but very "dumb" and useless to the more aggressive. If they face facts as they see them and boldly speak what they believe to be the truth, they become "whipping-boys" for disgruntled members. John Murray, Arthur Mann, Arthur Dunbar, Ruth Williams and other fine officers and directors have had this experience, but they have the courage to continue serving and enduring criticism. Of course, most of the members are very fond of them and give them encouragement. I have seen this phenomenon demonstrated in other organizations. It is a manifestation of what we call human nature. Very often, an officer willingly serves as whipping-boy in order to strive for more decent treatment for other members.

I have often been disgusted to hear someone say that John Doe or Jane Doe should not be practicing massage or should not be a member of A.A.M.M. or should be expelled. I believe the public decides, through its patronage, whether he or she is capable and has the required skill. I also believe our by-laws, requirements and regulations govern the eligibility for membership. If he or she does not conduct himself or herself properly, the law enforcement agencies

and courts will deal with them.

Good schools are a necessity. There are opportunities for many more good operators. A larger, better and sounder A.A.M.M. is needed to promote and protect our interests. The Washington State Medical Association recently held a convention in Spokane and was attended by nine hundred (900) doctors, while our State Chapter has less than fifty (50) members who find great difficulty in tolerating each other. What is wrong with us? What and where is the malignancy that is eating out the vitals of our organization and our profession? What is the cure? If anyone believes that our A.A.M.M. is not necessary, will he or she please explain why doctors find their American Medical Association necessary when they have everything their own way? How long would they enjoy all their privileges if their organization was disbanded?

I expected my last article to be quite controversial. I must now clarify some statements that I left unfinished. First, chiropractors and Naturopaths. It is possible that some of them might be offended and irritated at some of my statements and predictions. However, I know they are realistic people. They are compelled by circumstances to face facts that are not pleasant. They know that their Boards of Examiners are controlled by medical men who judge them by medical standards. They know it is next to impossible to pass an examination for a State license and that few, if any, have succeeded in many years. I trust that my information is accurate. Some unlicensed naturopaths have, in the past, practiced as Physical Therapists, but the use of electrical equipment is now being claimed by the medically trained Registered Physical Therapists. Some unlicensed chiropractors have, in the past, advertised x-ray and neurocalometer treatments instead of chiropractic treatments. They have been under scrutiny by the Department of Licenses and have been subject to prosecution and fine for any "bootleg" chiropractic treatments.

At the recent medical association convention in Spokane the medical men discussed admitting Osteopaths into their organization. If that is done, does anyone believe the chiropractors will be encouraged to compete with them? I do not. Does anyone believe the Herbal medicines of Naturopathy and Homeopathy can successfully compete with the medicines and drugs of the modern medical men? I do not. Will they be

welcome?

The future must not look very bright when naturopaths and chiropractors must turn to the practice of massage, with or without massage diplomas, as some of them have done. It is my belief that the Department of Licenses will make certain that those individuals practice massage, and nothing more. I am not one of them. I have been investigated in the past, as other masseurs have. I feel no animosity toward them or anyone else. I am only stating what I believe to be facts. The question of admitting "converted" people from other professions was discussed and acted upon at the State Chapter convention in Seattle. It was a difficult question to decide, but after thorough deliberation the convention reached a decision. Time will prove whether or not it was a wise decision. Next month's topic: "Masseurs and Doctors"

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NEWS FROM SPOKANE

On Sept. 9th, Mr. Sig Norin, who is inspector for the State Department of Licenses in Olympia, visited Spokane on business. While here he visited my home to inform me that two masseurs in this city had been reported using chiropractic methods in their treatments. According to the information given him, they were "popping" their patients' backs and necks. He did not give me their names and I have not heard what he learned from his check-up. I hope his source of information was not accurate. I am sure every masseur knows that the use of chiropractic methods, thrusts or movements is illegal and could result in a heavy fine upon conviction.

The inspector also warned us that Zone Therapy or Reflexology treatments applied to the feet can no longer be used by masseurs. That work has now been included in the licensing law of chiropodists.

He cautioned us about using Physical Therapy equipment and thereby antagonizing the Registered Physical Therapists and inviting their retaliation.

He advised us to have an able attorney like Don Mastvold draft a bill for us and make another attempt to have a massage licensing law enacted. Such action would, of course, require a vote by the membership except in case of an emergency.

Spokane chapter held a meeting at the home and school of Jennie S. Cotner on Sept. 5th., after a summer vacation from meetings. The members voted to send an application to W. P. Flynn, a graduate of Dr. Cotners school in 1948. He operates a massage business in Wickonburg, Arizona, but hopes to become established in Spokane in the near future, where his parents reside.

Florence Taylor and Jennie Cotner reported on the visit to Spokane of George Gammon, president of Calif. Chapter A.A.M.M. Mr. Gammon was homeward bound from the National Convention. Florence Taylor gave her views on the convention and the change of name to American Massage and Therapy Association. The Wash. Chapter will probably take official action on this matter at our next State convention.

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